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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Konstantin I. Boudnik and Weiqiang Zhang
For: TASK GROUPING IN A DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING FRAMEWORK SYSTEM AND
METHODS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SAME

Application Elements:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 57 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract |
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Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of **\$40.00** enclosed)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☐ Other:

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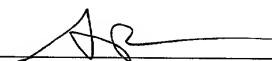
General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

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